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Chief and Commanding General Lieutenant General Jody J. Daniels Visits American Samoa

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On March 31st, 2023, Honorable Lemanu P. S. Mauga, Governor of American Samoa, First Lady Ella Mauga, and esteemed members of the American Samoa Government, hosted a traditional Ava Ceremony to welcome Lieutenant General (LTG) Jody J. Daniels and Command Sergeant Major (CSM) Andrew Lambardo of the United States Army Reserve and Command, and their team. The group arrived in American Samoa Thursday evening, March 30th, 2023.

LTG Jody Daniels, Chief of Army Reserve and Commanding General, U.S. Army Reserve Command is on island to visit with military units and local leaders of American Samoa to understand the operational environment the American Samoa soldiers face, in support of the IndoPacific Command mission.

During the Ava Ceremony, Governor Lemanu expressed his gratitude to LTG Daniels for her visit. “It is an honor to meet the very first woman to serve as Chief and Commanding General of the US Army Reserve,” remarked Governor Lemanu. “We thank you, and CSM Lombardo, and your team for your service and for visiting with the soldiers of American Samoa,” he continued.

LTG Jody J. Daniels is serving as the 34th Chief of the United States Army Reserve, and the 9th Commanding General, United States Army Reserve Command since 2020. Her awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, three Legions of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, five Meritorious Service Medals, Joint Service Commendation Medal, four Army Commendation Medals, Joint Service Achievement Medal, two Army Achievement Medals, and the Combat Action Badge. CSM Andrew Lambardo serves as the 14th Command Sergeant Major of the U.S. Army Reserve.

Senior Enlisted advisor CSM Andrew Lombardo is to reinforce the command team's full support of the Army Reserve's commitment to American Samoa. The Pacific remains our nation's priority theater, and we will prioritize its most essential value; the people who live and work within it.

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